

BERMUDA.

An ACT for the better Recovery of DEBTS due on Promissory Notes, and the Assignment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes.

HEREAS the making Promissory Notes negotiable, and the allowing of Bonds, Bills and other Obligations to be assignable, has been found to have a tendency to benefit, and advantage the Commercial Transactions of this Country, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Assembly of these our Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most numbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it

rour Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most numbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it macted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is necessary enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that all Notes in Writing that from and after the first day of June next, shall be made and signed by any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, or by the Servant of any Merchant or Trader who is actually intrusted by him or them to sign such Promissory Notes for him, her or them, whereby such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, his, her or their Servant or Agent as aforesaid, doth or shall romise to pay to any other Person or Persons, Body Politic, or Corporate, his, her or their Order, or unto the Bearer of such Note, my Sum of Money, mentioned in such Note, shall be taken and onstrued to be by virtue thereof due and payable to such Person or

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Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to whom the same is made pay, able; and also every such Note payable to any Person or Person, Body Politic or Corporate, his, her or their Order, shall be al. fignable or inderfable over; and that the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to whom fuch Sum of Money is or shall be by fuch Note made payable, shall, and may maintain an Action for the fame, in such manner as is by Law directed for the recovery of Debts in these Islands, against the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, who, or whose Servant or Agent as aforesaid figned the same; and that any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corpo. rate, to whom such Note that is payable to any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, his, her or their Order is indorsed or as, figned, or the Money therein mentioned, ordered to be paid by in. dorfement theron, shall and may maintain his, her or their Action for fuch Sum of Money, either against the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, who, or whose Servant or Agent as aforesaid, figned such Note, or against any of the Persons that indorsed the fame . And in every fuch Action the Plaintif or Plaintifs shall recover his, her or their Damages and Costs of Suit; and in case such Plainti or Plaintifs shall be nonsuited, or a Verdict given against him, her or them, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover his, her or their Costs against the Plaintif or Plaintifs; and every such Plaintif of Plaintifs, Defendant or Defendants, so respectively recovering, may fue out Execution for such Damages and Costs by Capias adsainfaciendum or fieri facias.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first day of June next, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to a sign, indorse and transfer any Bond, Bill or other Obligation, which the payment of any Monies shall be secured to such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, to any other Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate whatever. And that the Assign or Assignees, Indorsee or Indorsees of such Bond, Bill or other bigation, his and their Executors, Administrators and Successors, wirtue of such Assignment or Indorsement, shall and may be lawful power to commence and prosecute any Suit at Law in her or their own Name or Names, for the recovery of any due by such Bond, Bill or other Obligation, as the first Oblighis Executors or Administrators, might or could lawfully do-Provided always, that in any Suit upon any Promissory Note, Bond, Bill or other Obligation, Note, But the suit of the suit

Bill or other Obligation so made, assigned, indorsed or transferred, he Plaintif or Plaintifs shall allow a Discount of all Demands which the Desendant or Desendants can prove either against the Plaintif or Plaintifs, himself, herself or themselves, or against the list Obligee, before Notice of such Assignment was given to the Desendant or Desendants.

And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act continue in force until the first Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and then to determine and expire.

Voted and passed the Assembly this third Day of May 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 4th Day of May 1786.
THOMAS HUNT, President.

Assented to this 10th Day of May 1786.

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HEREAS the Owners and Possessors of Lands in these Islands are from Time to Time confiderably hurt and prejudiced by the strayo ing of loose Cattle, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it macted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the ame, That the several Parishes in these Islands be, and they are hereby declared to be, respectively obliged annually to choose one or more Pound-Keepers, who shall be authorised and required to eceive and impound in proper Pounds, to be erected in such manper and at fuch Place or Places as shall by such Parishes be fixed nd agreed upon, all fuch Cattle as shall be found straying or dong Damage; and that prior to the delivery of fuch Cattle to the Owners thereof they be necessitated to pay to the Pound-Keeper olding the same the following Sums of current Money, to wit, or every Horse Two Shillings and Eight-pence; for each and very Ox, Bull, Cow, or Yearling, the Sum of Two Shillings; or every Goat, Sheep, or Calf, One Shilling and Four-pence; and or every Hog Two Shillings and Eight-Pence, to be by such ound-Keeper at the expiration of each Year accounted for and paid

paid into the Hands of the Churchwardens, and applied to the defraying the Charges of the faid Parishes respectively, first deducting thereout one fourth Part of such Monies as a Compensation to the Pound-Keeper for his Trouble in the receipt and payment thereof.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Pound-Keeper shall be informed that the Cattle so impounded have done Damage, such Pound-Keeper shall be obliged to detain the said Cattle until such Damage shall be ascertained and sully satisfied, or otherwise be obliged himself to pay such Damage, with incidental Charges; and that on the application of any Person to a Justice of the Peace of the Parish where any Cattle have been impounded, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice, and such Justice is hereby required to issue his Warrant to two or more Freeholders of such Parish, empowering them to survey and compute the Quantum of Damage so sustained; and that the same, with the incidental Charges, be paid and defrayed by the Owner prior to the delivery of the said Cattle.

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Cattle impounded by virtue of this Act shall not be redeemed within Eight Days thereafter, it shall be lawful for the Pound-Keeper to sell and dispose of the same at public Outcry, (Five Days previous Notice of the Time and Place of such Sale being publicly given) and after defraying the Damages, Poundage, and other incidental Charges, to pay the Ballance of such Sales to the Owner of such Cattle so as aforesaid sold.

And he it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person whose Land may be trespassed upon by loose or stray Cattle, to take up and carry, or direct his or her Servant or Slave to take up and carry, such Cattle so doing damage to the Pound of the Parish where the Damage shall be done; and for this purpose, in case of slight, to pursue such Cattle over the Land of any Person or Persons whomsoever. And that any Person rescuing, or attempting to rescue, any Cattle so taken and about to be carried to the Pound, shall, upon Conviction pay Twenty Shillings current Money to the Party injured, to be recovered, with Costs, before any Justice of the Peace of the Islands; but if such Offence be committed by a Slave, he or shall receive so many Lashes, not exceeding Thirty-nine in number of the stray of the

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ber, as the Justice of the Peace taking cognizance thereof shall order and direct, unless the Owner of such Slave will pay to the Party injured the Forfeiture last mentioned.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Person shall be found guilty, before any Justice of the Peace in these Islands, of cutting the Rope by which any Horse, or other Cattle, belonging to any other Person, shall be tied, with a view to let such Horse or other Cattle go astray, such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty-nine Shillings current Money to the Party injured, with all other Damages and Expences attendant thereon, to be recovered, with Costs, by Warrant of the the said Justice of the Peace. And in case such Offender be a Slave, he or she shall be whipped at the discretion of the Justice of the Peace, not exceeding Thirty-nine Lashes.

And whereas confiderable Damage may be done with impunity by Goats, Sheep, Hogs, and Poultry, if no Redress can be had for Trespasses by them committed but by impounding, it being very difficult, if not impossible, many times, to take either of them, and more so to confine the latter to a Pound. In order, therefore, to remedy this Inconvenience, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Hogs, Sheep, or Goats, or any Turkeys, Geese, or Poultry, shall be permitted or suffered to run at large and do Damage, and after warning given to the Owner or Possessor to take the same up, he or she shall refuse or neglect to comply with fuch Requisition or Warning, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the faid Party injured or aggrieved to kill, or cause to be killed, such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, and deliver the same to the Owners thereof, on the application of such Owners, and their making fuch Satisfaction for the Damage fuftained as two indifferent Persons, to be appointed by any Magistrate, hall adjudge to be reasonable; and also that Notice shall be given by the Person who shall kill, or cause to be killed, such Hogs, sheep, Goats, and Poultry, within two Hours after the killing of he same, under the Penalty of forfeiting such Damages as two ndifferent Men, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall award and adjudge. and that in case after such Notice given or left at the Dwelling House of such Owner, he or she do not come or send in a reasonble Time for such Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, and take the ame away, it shall and may be lawful for any Magistrate to cause he said Sheep, Goats, Hogs, and Poultry to be valued by two Persons

Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, and then sold by a Constable, and the Proceeds of such Sale (the Charges of the Prosecution and Sale, and the Damage done by such Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, being sirst deducted) to be paid to such Owner or Owners. Always provided, that any Warning given to the Owner or Owners of any Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, of such Sheep, Hogs, Goats, and Poultry, being permitted or suffered to run at large and do Damage, shall be deemed and considered as valid for and during the course of Two Calendar Months next succeeding the Time of such Notice.

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HEREAS the Fund, established by an Act, intitled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these W His Majesty's Islands," continues yet unequal to the payment of the several Sums of ***** Money chargeable thereon; therefore, the more effectually to provide for the ficiency of that Fund, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and al Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's muda or Somer Mands, in America, do most humbly beseech Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your jesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby cted and ordained by the Authority of the same That from and the first Day of July next, until the first Day of July, which be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and hty-seven, there be a Duty of Six-pence on each and every lon of Rum which shall be retailed, vended, fold or expended hese Islands, and that the same be payable Quarterly, that is to fay,

fay, on the first Day of October next, and the first Days of January, April, and July, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, to the Collectors of the several Parisher herein after appointed, and in case of refusal or delay, that the said Collectors be, and they are hereby declared to be severally authorised and empowered to levy the same by distress and sale of the Resusers or Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, retaining to themselves from the Proceeds of every Sale the usual and accustomed Poundage, or a Sum equal to the amount of the Duties levied for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

And for the more effectual collecting the said Duty, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Person holding Rum on the said first Day of July next, exceeding size Gallons, shall, within forty-eight Hours thereafter give, and upon Oath, if required, to the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be, a just and true Account of all such Rum as such Person shall then have been in possession of from and after the said first Day of July next; and that each and every Person or Persons who shall, from Time to Time, after the said first Day of July next, during the continuance of this Act, be possessed of any Rum by importation shall, in like manner, render unto the Collector for the Parish where such Rum shall be landed or received, a just and true Account of the number of Gallons, and of the Denomination of each Vessesontaining the same.

intitled " An AR for raising a Public Revenue AND be it further enacted by the Authority afores. id, that if any Collector shall suspect, or be informed that Rum is in any particular House or Place, which hath not been reported as by this Acti directed, he shall have power to take to his affistance such Person as may be necessary to the occasion, and require such House Place to be opened; and in case of refusal, to open or cause the fame to be opened by force, provided it be in the Day; and the all unreported Rum which shall be found by any Collector be for feited, and within ten Days after seizure, sold at public Outer the one Half of the Proceeds of which Sale shall be to the Collector and Informer, if any, and the other Half to the fine uses as the Duties imposed by this Act; and that any Person sur moned or required to aid and affift as above-mentioned, and refu ing so to do, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds co rent Money, to be recovered by the Collector to whom fuch fufal thall be made. old you of omet out that bas aband sall

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And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case my Collector shall trace any Rum to the possession of any Person who shall not have reported the same, agreeable to the Prescription states Act, and who shall neglect or refuse either to produce the same, pay the Excise therefor, or point out the manner wherein the same has been disposed of, so as that the Excise may be collected herefor, then, and in every such Case, such Collector shall be uthorised and empowered to levy for the Excise on all such Rum, in the Resusers and Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands, and Tements, in the manner herein before prescribed.

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AND in order that the Collectors aforesaid may be enabled to roceed with greater certainty in the Execution of the Duties reuired of them by this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforeid, that the Public Treasurer shall, in the Bermuda Gazette, absequent to each Report, cause to be inserted under his Signature Public Treasurer, a List of the several Quantities of Rum imorted and exported during the continuance of this Act, with the Vames of the Vessel, the Master and Person importing and exportng the same; and that every Importer be deemed and considered able to the Duty hereby imposed on Rum, such Quantities only xcepted as shall be by him re-shipped or fold in the Cask or Vessel s imported, and then, and in such Case only, on Condition that e shall within forty-eight Hours after the Transaction, give Notice hereof in writing to the Collector of the Parish to whom such Rum hall have been Reported, and that in case of Deception or Missinormation in such Notice, the said Importer be subject and liable to ay to the faid Collector double Duty for all Rum of the fale or -hipment of which he shall have given undue and irregular lotice.—And also, that any Collector receiving Information of um, from the Importer thereof, or otherwise, having been sold to Person residing in a different Parish, shall, without delay, notify le same in writing to the Collector of the Parish where such Purhafer shall reside, and that he be allowed a reasonable Charge ainst the Public therefor: provided always, that if any Duties reby imposed on Rum be lost or not collected through the Neglect delay of any Collector whatever, the Collector fo neglecting or laying shall be subject and liable to the payment of such Duties in te manner as if the same had been actually collected and received him; and that each Collector do make an abatement of fifteen allons in every hundred Gallons, to be computed from the ginal Gauge of the Cask or Vessel containing Rum sold and exnded within these Islands, as an allowance for waste, and that no radio Worman Tarab Mr. DANIEL GILBERY.

other Allowance be made, except in case of extraordinary Accident, to be proved by Oath to the satisfaction of the Collector of the Parish where such Accident shall have happened.

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AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that for each Horse, Mare or Gelding, which on the first Day of September next, shall be owned or possessed by any Inhabitant of these Islands there be in like manner paid the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight. pence current Money; and that in default of payment thereof. twenty Days previous Notice being given by Advertisement in the Bermuda Gazette, the Collectors of the said Tax on Horses be authorized and empowered, and they are hereby declared respectively to be fully authorized and empowered to levy the same by Distrei and Sale of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of such Owners and Possessors neglecting to pay as aforesaid; and that the Collectors be severally authorized and empowered to retain to them. selves from the proceeds of every Sale the Sum of Five Shilling current Money, or a Sum equal to the amount of the Taxes levie for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurre in confequence of fuch Levy and Sale.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master or Commander of any Vessel importing Horses, Mares, of Geldings, during the continuance of this Act, shall, immediate on his arrival in these Islands, make, and on Outh, if required, just and true Report of the Number of such Horses, Mares and Geldings, so by him imported, to the Public Treasurer, and onto sale or other disposal thereof, pay unto the said Treasurer the sur of Forty Shillings current Money, for each and every of the Horses, Mares or Geldings.

Persons be, and they are hereby appointed Collectors of the Excon Rum, Tax on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Tax on for Negroes, Mulattoes and Mustees, by this Act imposed, that is say specially and they are hereby appointed Collectors of the Excon Rum, Tax on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Tax on for Negroes, Mulattoes and Mustees, by this Act imposed, that is say specially and the collectors are the law and the collectors of the Excon Rum.

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For Southampton Parish Captain FRANCIS DICKINSON.
For Sandy's Parish Mr. JAMES BURROWS.

AND that the Public Treasurer shall, in the BERMUDA GA-ZETTE, subsequent to the publication of this Act, notify the Collectors aforesaid of their respective Appointments, and that such Collectors shall, we ithin ten Days thereafter severally offer and tender themselves to some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for taking an Oath of Office, which each and every Justice of the Peace so called upon, is hereby authorized and declared to be obliged to administer, in the Words following, to wit.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the id Collectors shall receive at and after the rate of ten Pounds for very Hundred Pounds which they shall pay to the Public Treasurer ising from the Duty on Rum by them collected; and at and after e rate of five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall like manner pay from the Taxes hereby imposed on Horses. ares and Geldings, and Free Negroes, Mulattos and Mustees; d that the faid Collectors shall Quarterly, that is to say, within a Days after the faid first Day of October next and the first Days of anuary, April, and July, in the Year One Thousand Seven Huned and Eighty-feven, or at the expiration of their respective fices, if sooner ended, pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by em received for the Duty on Rum imposed by this Act, the Comfion herein before allowed first deducted, and within ten Days er the expiration of their respective Offices, render unto the said easurer, and, upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of the

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the Monies so received, and from whom; in which Account, in order the better to detect any Error or Omission in the collection of the faid Duty on Rum, the Entries shall be so worded as to shew whether the said Collectors have properly or not availed themselves of the Notices directed to them in consequence of this Act, and otherwise complied with the Requisites thereof; and that the faid Collectors shall severally, on or before the first Day of December next, in like manner pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received from the Taxes hereby imposed on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Free Negroes, Mulattos and Mustees, the Commission herein allowed first deducted, rendering at the Time, and upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of the Monies so received, and from whom; all which Accounts, as well respect. ing the Duty hereby imposed on Rum, as the Taxes on Horses, Mares and Geldings, and Free Negroes, Mulattos and Mustees, shall be deposited and reserved in the Treasurer's Office for the inspection of the Legislature. And in case any such Collector shall refuse or neglect to tender himself for qualification in the manner herein before directed, and after qualification fully to comply with the other Requisites of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay for such Offence the Sum of One Hundred Pounds current Money, to be recovered by the Public Treasurer in any Court of Record in the Islands, by Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed. Vintalla ob dies Fower and Ability, faithfully and impartially discharge the

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, the as often as it shall happen that either of the said Collectors shall be rendered incapable of holding his Office by death or otherwise, shall and may be lawful for the Commander in Chief for the Timbeing, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to fill such Vacancy, and every Person by him so nominated and appoints shall be subject to the like Restrictions and Penalties as those in posed on the Collectors herein nominated and appointed.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, to for all Vessels Clearing from the Secretary's Office during the tinuance of this Act, that is to say, from the first Day of July to the first Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thous Seven Hundred and Eighty seven, there be paid to the Pul Treasurer at and after the rate of Sixpence current Money for Ton owned by an Inhabitant of these Islands,—Always provide that no more than one Payment of such Tonnage be demanded received for any Vessel in consequence of this Act.

AND in order the better to ascertain the Tonnage of each Vessel, it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Oath before the Pub-Treasurer be by the Master, Owner, or some other Person, made the Words following, to wit,

I A. B. do swear that the Vessel, called -, whereof is or was late Master or Commander, does not exceed -Inches length by the Keel, and — Feet — Inches the Beam, and —— Feet —— Inches in the Depth of Hold, ording to the best of my Knowledge and Belief. So help me d."-Which Oath the Treasurer aforesaid is hereby emvered and directed to administer gratis to every person obliged by Act, and that such Length of Keel, Breadth of Beam, and oth of Hold be multiplied into each other, and the Produce of whole divided by ninety-four, and the Quotient arising theren to be deemed the Tonnage; and that in case no Person will ar to the Dimentions of a Vessel as aforesaid, then the Public asurer shall go on Board, or empower some Person to go on rd, and measure such Vessel in manner following, that is to say, n the infide of the Transom to the infide of the Stem Lining ve the Deck, three-fourths of which shall be esteemed the gth of Keel, and that the utmost Breadth of the Plank on the n Deck, from infide to infide of the Plank, be the Breadth of m, the one-half of which shall be taken for the Depth of Hold; in case of two Decks the one-half of the Depth between ks shall be added to the Depth of Hold, and that the faid source be allowed the Sum of Ten Shillings for each Measuret; and that no Vessel during the continuance of this Act be nitted to clear at the Secretary's Office of these Islands, until e shall have been first paid to the Treasurer the Tonnage said, as directed by this Act; and that in case the Secretary he time being shall clear any such Vessel before payment shall been so made, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds . Hamilton, Smith's, Devenfoire, Pembroke, Paget's hyangM in

be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and the first Day of July next, until the first Day of July in the One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, there be a of Two Pounds Ten Shillings in every Hundred Pounds, on louses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, and is sold at Auction within these Islands; those sold by Executar belonging to Insolvent Estates only excepted; and that Person who shall, during the continuance of this Act, enter is Sale of any Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels,

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AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the be by every free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee resident in these Island on or before the first Day of September next, paid the Sum Three Shillings and Four-pence current Money; and that the fam in case of neglect or refusal, be levied, by distress and sale of Goods and Chattels of such free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee, the faid Collectors, and by them paid to the Public Treasurer or before the Time herein before for that purpose mentioned prescribed. Always provided, that in case of failure of distri any defaulting free Negro, Mulatto, or Mustee be fold at Aud by the Collector of the Parish in which he or she shall reside, fuch length of time as will be sufficient to defray the above le with incidental Charges. advece hisq from made and dades

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that of before the first Day of January next there be paid into the Pul Treasury by the several Parishes in these Islands, to wit, St. Georg Hamilton, Smith's, Devonshire, Pembroke, Paget's, Warwick, So ampton, and Sandy's, respectively, the Sum of One Hundred Fifty Pounds current Money each; and that for this purpole Vestry or Assessors of each of the said Parishes for the time be be, and they are hereby declared to be feverally and respect required, authorized and empowered, having previously taken Oath before some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Pean these Islands, to proceed with justice and impartiality, to railed before the said first Day of January next, by Assessment on the Houses, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other real Estate,

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hid Parishes lying and being, the real Estate of any Widow not sceeding One Hundred Pounds currency in value only excepted, such manner and form as to such Vestry and Assessors, or a m jor art of them, may feem meet and agreeable to Equity and good conscience, the said Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds; and cause the same to be paid without any deduction whatever into he Public Treasury aforesaid .- And that in case of default, either holly of in part, it shall and may be lawful for the Public Treaurer, having given ten Days previous Notice in the BERMUDA GAZETTE, to seize any Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or ther real Estate, that may belong to any Person or Persons resident n such Parish to the value of the Sum in arrear and unpaid, with he usual customary and legal Poundage and Cother incidental Charges, and to make Sale thereof, due and regular Notice of the Time and Place of Sale being previously given in the BERMUDA GAZETTE.—Always provided, that it be in the Power of the Person vhose Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate shall e so levied on, by application to the Chief Justice of these Islands obtain, and such Chief Justice is hereby empowered to issue an execution, authorizing the Provost Marshall General in like Manner o levy the Sum paid, with incidental Charges as above-mentioned, n any other Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other state belonging to the Residents in such Parish that shall be pointed ut by the Plaintiff, and so in succession, when and as often as ccasion may require.—And also always provided, that no Goods or hattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate be twice levied on in e possession of the same Person; and that no Goods or Chattels, ands, Tenements, or other Estate be levied upon which may clong to any Person who shall be able clearly to make it appear to e Officer about to make the Levy or Sale, that he or she has ther paid his or her Proportion of the said Sum, or tendered and fered at any Time previous to the said first Day of January next, pay to fuch Vestry and Assessors, or any one or more of them, or her proportion of the fame.

And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in every my to be made by Virtue of this Act, the Overplus, after payent of the Sum levied for, with incidental Charges, be restored to e Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other tate, or either of them, shall have been so levied on.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all onics arising by virtue of this Act, whether by Fine, Forseiture,

or otherwise, not herein before particularly appropriated, be to H. Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying a Desiciency of the Fund established by an Act, intitled "An Heir for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty's Islands."

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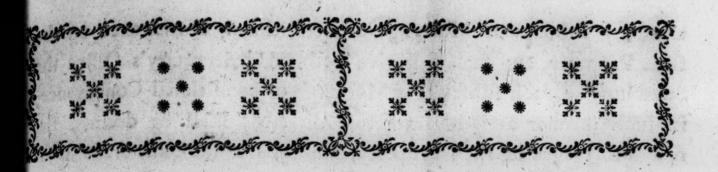
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HEREAS the Act heretofore passed for the prevention of Frauds and Abuses in Mortgages or other conditional Conveyances of Property, was, during its continuance, found to be productive of great Advantages to the Community, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, no most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly

no most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the ame, that all Persons holding Mortgages or other conditional Conveyances of Property, which, from and after the first Day of Desober next, shall be made and executed by any Person or Persons a these Islands, shall give into the Secretary's Office of these slands the Names of the Mortgager and Mortgagee, the Date of such Mortgage or conditional Conveyance, the particular Property nortgaged or conditionally conveyed, and the Sum secured thereby; and in case any Person holding any such Mortgage or other conditional Conveyance, shall omit or neglect to comply with the Diections aforementioned, that then any Person who shall accept or

take any subsequent Mortgage or conditional Conveyance on the same Property, and shall first give to the said Secretary's Office the Substance of such subsequent Mortgage or conditional Conveyance in such manner as is herein before directed, shall be deemed the first Mortgagee of such Property, and recover the Sum or Sums of Money secured by such subsequent Mortgage, in any Court of Record in these Islands, in the same manner as though such Property had been first conditionally conveyed to him; and that all other Mortgages or other conditional Conveyances of Property shall take place, and their validity be ascertained and determined in such regular succession as they shall be registered in the said Secretary's Office in the manner before directed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Secretary for the Time being of these Islands, or his Deputy, shall, when required, register in a Book, by him for that purpose to be kept, the Substance and Contents of any Mortgage or other conditional Conveyance of Property in the manner herein before directed, together with the Time when such Report shall be to him made, for which Service he shall receive the Sum of Two Shillings current Money from the Person making such Report; and in case the Secretary for the Time being shall neglect, omit or refuse to register the Substance or Contents of any Mortgage or other Conveyance of Property as herein before directed, when called on and tendered his legal Fee for fuch Service, he shall forfeit and pay to fuch Person as shall be agrieved by such his neglect, omission or refufal, all fuch Damages as fuch Person shall prove that he has suftained thereby, to be recovered in any Court of Record in these Islands, by Bill, Plaint, Information or otherwise, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 3d Day of May 1786, and ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker

CONCURRED to by the Council this 4th Day of May 1786.

THOMAS HUNT, President

ASSENTED to this 10th Day of May 1786.

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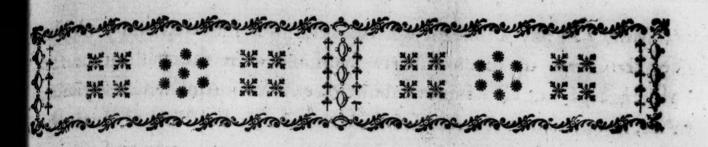
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HEREAS the above-mentioned Act was passed the twenty-fixth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fixty, and was to be and continue in force until the 1st Day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fixty-five, and d to determine and expire, and accordingly did then exre. And whereas the said Act, by a certain other Act, fled the 11th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord one ousand seven hundred and sixty-six, and entitled "An Act for renewing and prolonging an Act, entitled An Act for the ascertaining the Rate of Interest of Money in these Islands, and for restraining the taking of excessive Usury in the Loan of

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" Money in any Contract whatfoever," was renewed and prolonged for the Term of Twenty Years from and after the passing thereof, which faid Act also is now about to expire. And whereas the faid Act, so entitled " An Act for the ascertaining the Rate of Interest of " Money in these Islands, and for restraining the taking of excess. " five Usury in the Loan of Money on any Contract whatsoever," has been found of great Utility and Advantage to the good Peo. ple of these Islands, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly befeech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, fo entitled " An Act for ascertaining the Rate of Interest of Mo. " ney in these Islands, and for restraining the taking of excessive "Usury in the Loan of Money on any Contract whatsoever," be, and the fame is hereby declared to be further renewed and prolonged for the Term of Twenty Years from and after the passing hereof, and then to determine and expire.

VOTED and passed the Council, and Ordered to be laid before the Assembly for their Concurrence, the 10th Day of May 1786.

JOHN HARVY, President.

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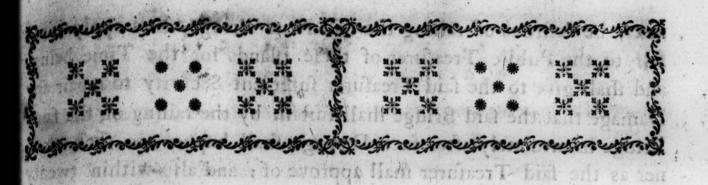
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AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any crion who shall, from and after the said eleventh Day of October H

next, be desirous of raising the said Flats Bridge, shall apply himself to the Public Treasurer of these Islands for the Time being, and shall give to the said Treasurer sufficient Security to repair any Damage that the said Bridge shall sustain by the raising of the same Bridge immediately after such Damage shall happen, in such manner as the said Treasurer shall approve of; and also within twenty Days after the Date of the Licence of the said Treasurer for raising the said Bridge, pay unto the said Treasurer, or his Successor, the Sum of Twelve Shillings current Money, and the further Sum of Five Shillings current Money per Hour for every Hour the said Bridge shall remain up after the first six Hours from the raising the same; and the Public Treasurer for the Time being, on any Person's giving such Security as aforesaid, shall give to such Person a Licence, under his Hand and Seal, for the raising the said Bridge.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Monies arising by virtue of this Act, be recoverable by the Public Treasurer of these Islands for the Time being, and be to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, entitled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these his Majesty's Islands."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 4th Day of Maj 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

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HEREAS large Quantities of Gunpowder have been collected into the Public Magazine in consequence of an Imposition on the Toninage of Vessels trading to and from these Islands, and have been, from a long continuance therein, proved to have been so injured as to render the same unsit for use, by which means

he Intention of the Legislature to provide in Time of Peace against he Exigencies of War has been in a great Measure defeated; in rder, therefore, to enable such Legislature to establish a more certin and effectual Application of the Levies proposed to be made in Vessels trading to and from these Islands, by an Act, entitled An Act for establishing a Fund for Repairs of the Fortifications of these Islands, and more effectually providing such Powder and Ammunition as shall hereafter be found necessary to the Defence and Security of this his Majesty's Government," We your sajesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America,

do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the fame, that the Act, entitled "An Act for collecting a Duty of "Gunpowder, and one other Act for Altering and Amending an " Act, entitled " An Act for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder," be, and they are hereby declared to be repealed, that Part of the above-recited Act, entitled " An Act for collecting a Duty of "Gunpowder," which repeals an Act, entitled "An Act for Vel-" fels paying Powder Money, and one other Act, entitled " An " Additional Clause to an Act, entitled " An Act for Vessels pay. "ing Powder Money, and one other Act, entitled "A Second " Additional Clause to an Act, entitled "An Act for Vessels " paying Powder Money, excepted." Provided always, that this Act be not in force until his Majesty's pleasure be had thereon, and made known in these Islands. o repeal an ASt for collecting a Daty of

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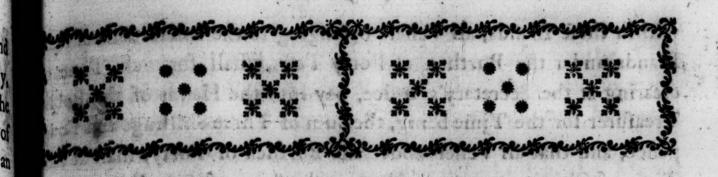
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HEREAS it has been deemed expedient in Time of Peace to guard against the Hazards and Uncertainty of War, and as the Security of W this his Majesty's Government in the latter Event will, in a great measure, depend on the State of Defence against Invasion it shall be thrown into; in order, therefore, to make an ectual and timely Provision therefor, We, your Majesty's most tiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your ajesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbeseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is eby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that m and after his Majesty's Assent to an Act, entitled "An Act to epeal an Act, for collecting a Duty of Gunpowder, and one other Act for altering and amending an Act, entitled "An Act for colecting a Duty of Gunpowder" shall have been had and made known within

within these Islands, all Vessels belonging to the Enhabitants of these Islands under the Burthen of Forty Tons, shall for each Time of clearing at the Secretary's Office, pay into the Hands of the Public Treasurer for the Time being, the Sum of Three Shillings and Four pence, and that all Vessels above the Burthen of Forty, shall at each Time of Clearing as aforesaid, pay the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight-pence.

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And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Persons not Inhabitants of these Islands, for every Vessel, or Part of a Vessel trading to these Islands, and to them belonging for each Time of entry, pay into the Hands of the Public Treasurer for the Time being for such Vessel, or Part of Vessel, at and after the Rate of Two Shillings and Six-pence per Ton for the Tonnage of the said Vessel or Part of Vessels, which Tonnage shall be ascertained by the Oath of the Master, Owner, or some other Person in the Words following, to wit,

Which said Oath the Treasurer, aforesaid is hereby empowered and directed to administer gratis to every Person obliged by this Ad, and that such Length of Keel, Breadth of Beam, and Depth of Hold be multiplied into each other, and the Produce of the whole divided by ninety-four, and the Quotient arising therefrom deemed the Tonnage; and that in case no Person will swear to the Dimensions of a Vessel as aforesaid, then the Public Treasurer shall go on Board, or empower some Person to go on Board and measur fuch Veffel in manner following, that is to fay, from the infide the Transom to the infide of the Stem Lining above the Deck three fourths of which shall be estemed the length of Keel, and the the utmost Breadth of the Plank on the Main Deck, from inside infide of the Plank, be the Breadth of Beam, the one half which shall be taken for the Depth of Hold; and in case of the Decks, the one half of the Depth between Decks shall be add to the Depth of Hold; and that the faid Treasurer be allowed Sum of Ten Shillings for each Meafurement. And for the bette securing the Payment of the Tonnage imposed by this Ad, Vessel shall be entitled to a Clearance from the Secretary's Office

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COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

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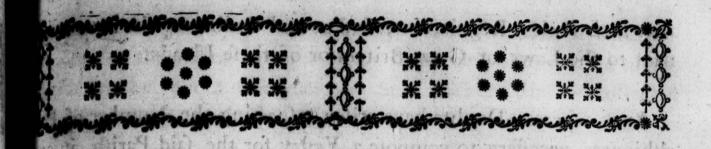
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sty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly escech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by our Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby sacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and ter the 1st Day of October next, the Vestry of the Parish of St. corge be empowered to make and pass such Rules, Regulations, rders and Ordinances, with such Penalties therein to be inserted, d such Mode of recovering the same, as shall be found necessary regulating the Assize of Bread, the Inspection of Weights and easures, the cleaning the Public Paths and Streets, and the esta-shment of a Market within the said Town. Provided always,

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AND whereas Doubts have arisen respecting the Number of Pa rishioners necessary to compose a Vestry for the said Parish, in or. der, therefore, to remove such Doubts in suture, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first Day of October next, the Parishioners of the Town and Parish of St. George shall be, and they are hereby declared to be authorized an. nually to choose twelve fit and able Persons resident within the faid Parish (of which the Minister for the Time being shall be one as a Vestry for conducting the several Matters and Things incident to the said Parish, and that any seven of the said Number, whereof the Minister always to be one, except in case of sickness, or that after Notice of a Vestry summoned, he omit to come, be a Quo. rum to do Business. And whereas Persons chosen into the Office of Churchwardens and Constables for the faid Parish, have, at Times, refused to be qualified, and to ferve in their respective of fices, in order, therefore, to remedy fuch Inconvenience in future, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Person who from and after the said first Day of October next, shall be chosen into the Office of Churchwarden for the Parish of St. George aforesaid, and shall refuse to qualify and serve in such Office, shall be and is hereby declared to be subject and liable to the Penalty of Ten Pounds current Money; and that every Person who shall be chosen a Constable, and who shall in like manner refuse to qualify and serve as such, shall also be liable to the Penalty of Five Pounds like Money, to be levied upon their Goods and Chattles respectively, by Warrant to be iffued by a Magistrate of the faid Parily and for want of Distress, to imprisonment for a Term not exceed ing two Months, any Law, Ufage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wife notwithstanding. It some to abumits

And whereas many Inconveniencies have arisen within the said Parish from Constables who have departed these Islands before the expiration of their Office, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the said first Day of October next every Constable belonging to the said Parish, who shall depart the Islands before his Time for serving is expired, shall, on his return thereto, be liable, on the first Vacancy, to be rechosen and to sense his full Time of Twelve Months, without any Allowance being made him for the Time he had formerly served in the said Office.

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And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each Church-warden for the Time being shall be liable and accountable to the Parish for the whole Assessment to him delivered to be collected and gathered up, such Part thereof only excepted as he shall be ble to make appear to be irrecoverable from the Indigency or In-blvency of any Person rated therein, and that such Churchwardens allowed for their Services at and after the Rate of Five per Cent. Ipon the Monies by them collected.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all sines and Forseitures arising by virtue of this Act, shall be paid not the Hands of the Churchwardens, to be applied by the Vesty to the Use of the said Parish.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this it be and continue in force until the first Day of October, which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ighty-eight, and then to determine and expire.

OTED and passed the Assembly this 3d Day of May 1786, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

ONCURRED to by the Council this
6th Day of May 1786.
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THOMAS HUNT, President.

SSENTED to this 10th Day of May 1786.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

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